



MDP Program Mission

Prepare a new generation of professionals...

...capable of making meaningful contributions to the complex and interdisciplinary processes of sustainable development throughout the world...

...who understand the multidimensional nature of development challenges and possess the analytical capacity and tools applicable to these challenges...

...and who become critical thinkers concerning development processes and their implications.



Origin of the UF MDP Program

- International Commission on Education for Sustainable Development Practice funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Desire to build on nearly 30 years of interdisciplinary collaboration in the pioneering Tropical Conservation & Development (TCD) Program
- UF was selected to receive one of the first MDP, MacArthur Foundation grants



The MDP and UF – Building on tradition, knowledge and experience

- Center for Latin American Studies: 91 years
- Center for African Studies: 56 years
- Strong faculty involvement and support across academic departments: Core (10) and affiliate faculty (≈ 40) + others who support MDP. In all, 110 faculty members have served on MDP student committees
- Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program: 40 years

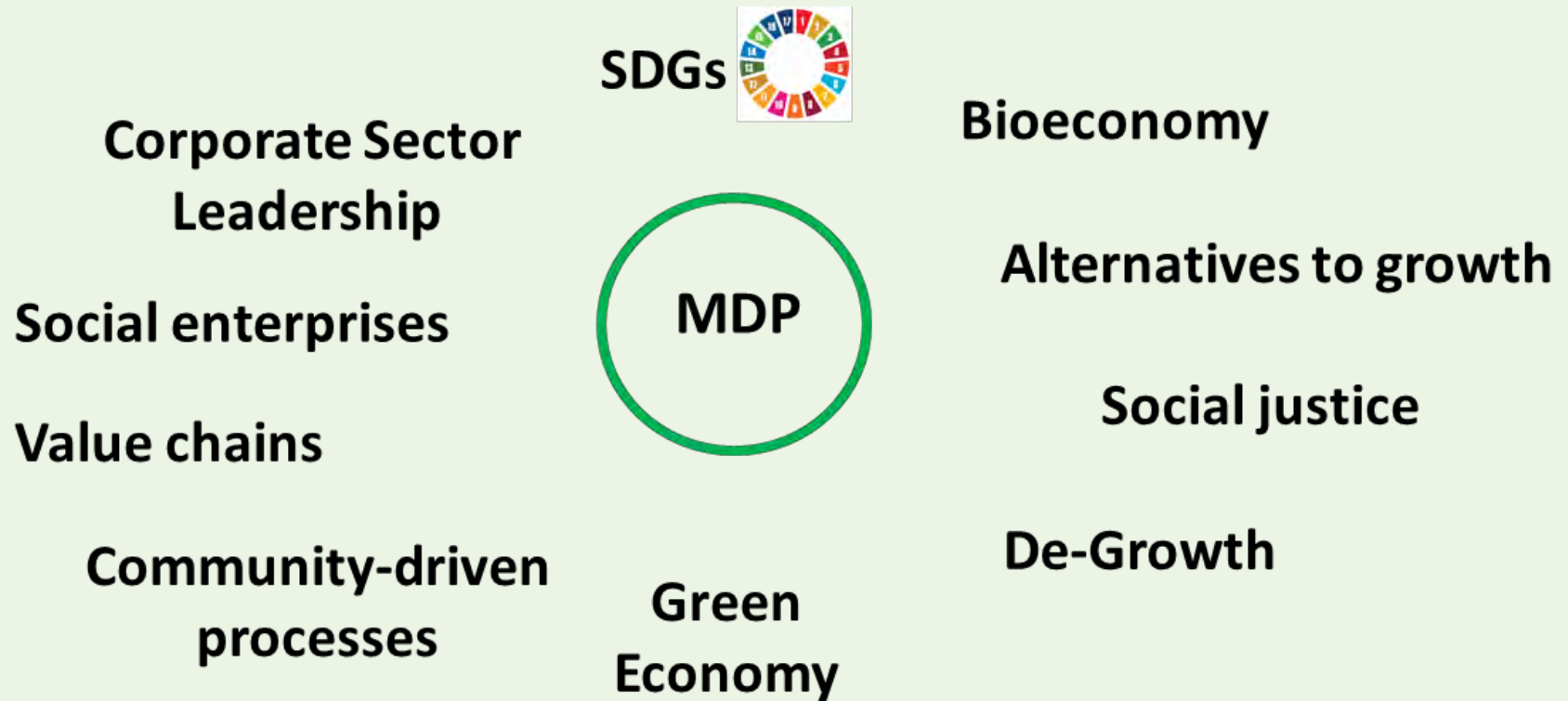
Noteworthy diversity of MDP students – UF

East Asian Languages & Literatures History
Environmental Science
Chemical Engineering Socioeconomic Development Plant Science
Economics & Finance Interdisciplinary Science **Sustainability Studies**
Computer Science Journalism Environmental Engineering
English Literature Sociology Psychology International Development
Spanish Criminology Education Nutrition & Dietetics
Business Administration Interdisciplinary Studies Finance International Business
Rural Sociology Environmental Biology Medical Doctor Human Ecology
Civil Engineering **Anthropology** Literature
Landscape Architecture International Studies Agricultural Economics
Health Science Design International Relations & Politics English African Studies
Guidance & Counseling Philosophy Ecotourism Biology Agrotechnology
Women's Studies Economics Sport Management Religion Botany
Linguistics Industrial Engineering Forestry Geography
International Affairs Family, Youth & Community Sciences Veterinary Medicine
Agricultural & Biological Engineering **Political Science** Law Agricultural-Engineering
Wildlife Ecology & Conservation Business Animal Sciences Sustainable Tourism Management
International Relations

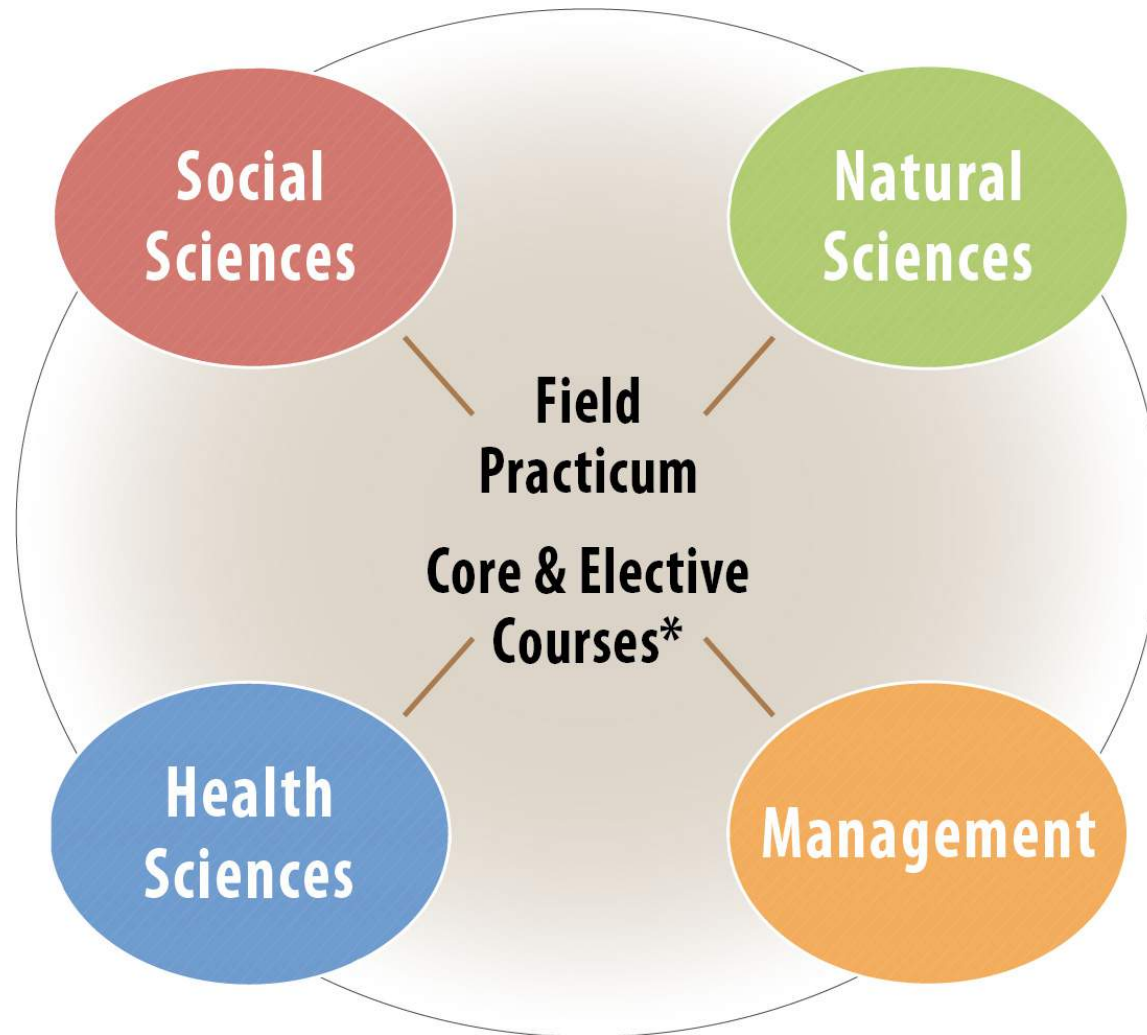
Our students have come from 25 countries; demonstrated passion & vocation

Diversity of development approaches / paradigms

MDP students have varying views on sustainability and how to achieve it. For example:

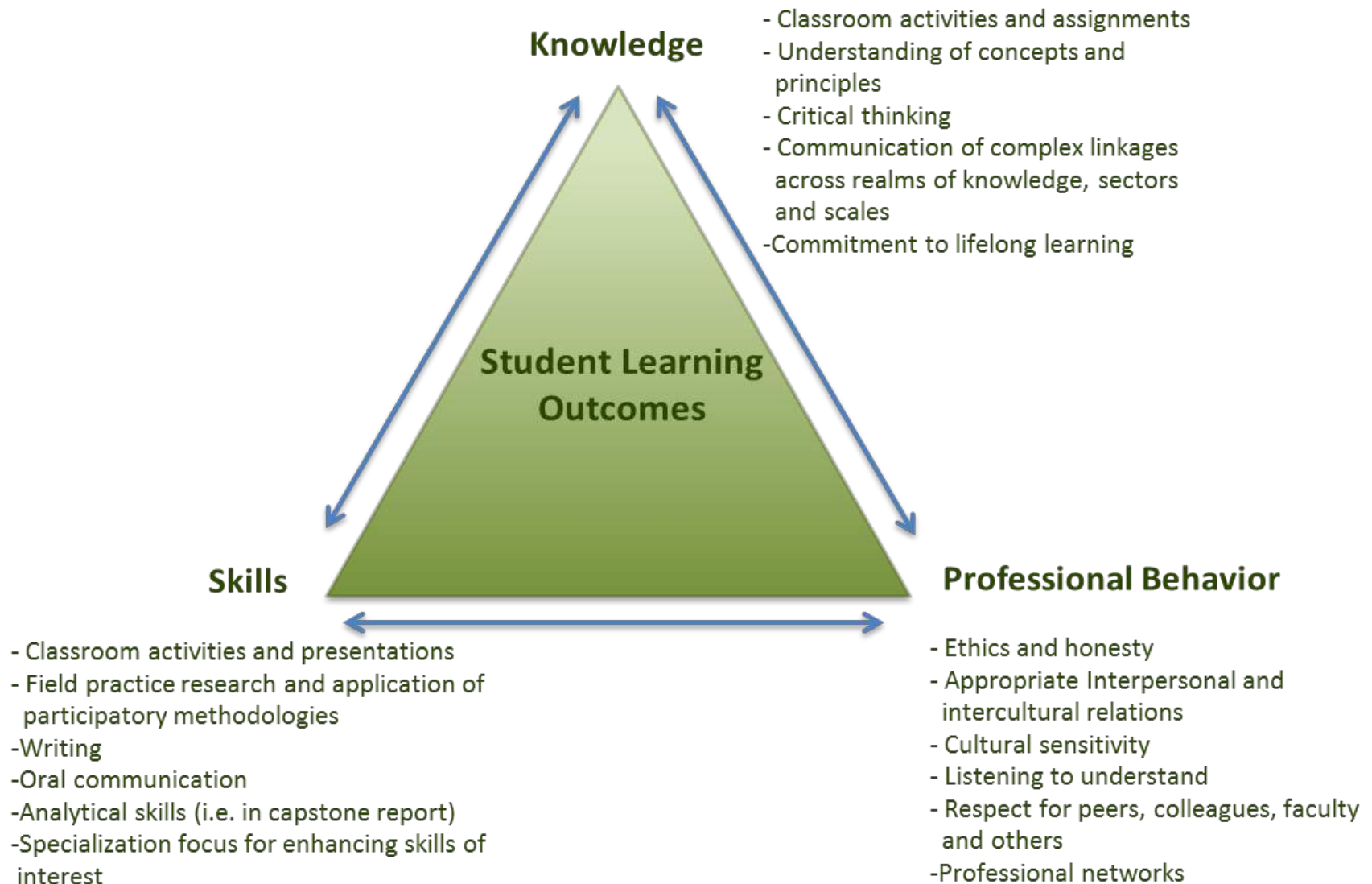


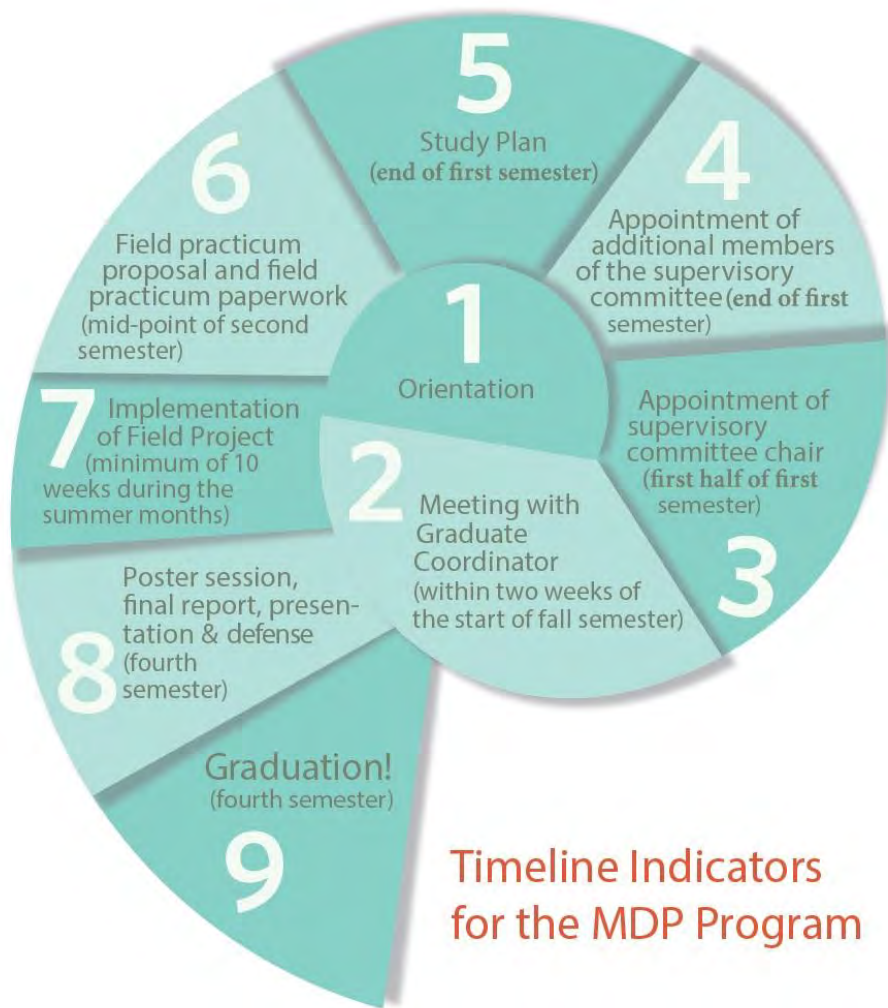
UF MDP accommodates & critically discusses these different perspectives & approaches



** Students complement the MDP degree with a specialization in a thematic area of interest*

Interrelated Student Learning Outcomes





Timeline Indicators
for the MDP Program



Elective Credits

- **Construction of your “*Specialization*” (15 elective credits)**

Specialization: Focus for your 15 elective credits. Does not appear on transcript.

Graduate certificate: (12 -15 credits) Offered by several academic units. See certificate coordinator of particular certificate department. Appears on transcript. You will qualify for a TCD certificate.

Graduate minor: (6-9 credits) Set of courses offered by departments. One member of the supervisory committee must represent the minor field of study. Appears on the transcript.

Co-curricular Opportunities and Activities

MDP Practitioner Seminars (TBD)

Tropilunch (Tuesdays @12:45pm); TCD Student Group

Center for African Studies Baraza (Fridays @ 3:30pm)

Latin American Studies Colloquium (times vary)

Other Seminars, Talks, and Conferences

Working groups: ex: Gender and Development,

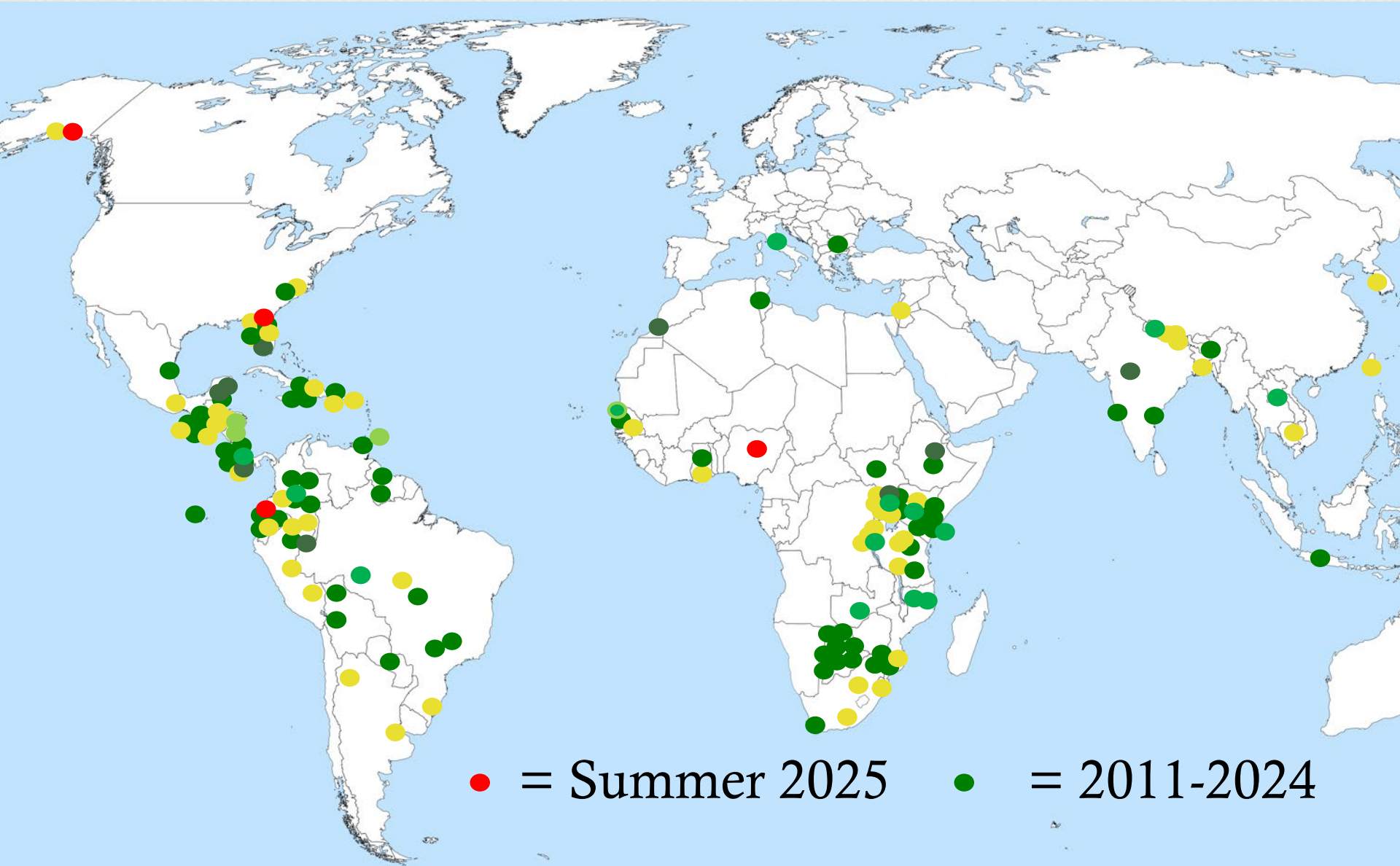
Natural Resource Management, Health in Africa, Digital Africa, Islam in Africa, State & Institutions, TCD Student Group, others



GET INVOLVED!

Field Practicum

- 10-12 weeks between first and second academic year
- Work with a host organization on a topic/theme of mutual interest, define terms of reference and deliverables
 - Identify topic/theme for the field practicum
 - Develop and agree on a coherent set of goals and intermediate objectives
 - Design and implement the strategies/activities to pursue such goals
- Dual purpose of the FP: provide service to a host organization and fulfill academic requirement of the degree
- See website for posters and final reports of field practicums





Examples of field practicum projects

- Integration of environmental stewardship into health outreach
- Analysis of human health risks associated with the use of treated wastewater
- Measures to reduce human trafficking
- Participatory monitoring to reduce water contamination in a rural community
- Generation of baseline data and a needs assessment for the development of an outreach plan for a hospital
- Community-based conservation and development assessment to identify opportunities to enhance livelihoods in indigenous communities based on their priorities and interests
- Evaluation of sanitation behavior change in sustainable livelihood groups, with the aim of developing a monitoring and evaluation system
- Assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene needs at schools and orphanages
- Evaluation of reforestation programming in regards to efficiency, impact and sustainability



Past Cohorts

Organizations that have hosted our students

Private sector	SAB Miller Colombia, Cotopaxi, Cayuga Sustainable Hospitality, B Lab, Prosci, 2811
NGO	CRS, Water is Life, Ashoka Sahel, Alaska Conservation Foundation, Salvation Army, International Justice Mission, Instituto Pesquisas Ecológicas, Mercy Corps, EcoPeace Middle East, Ceiba, Yachana, WCS-Guatemala, WWF-Kenya, Shanti Uganda, Dar Si Hmad, Earth Innovation Institute, Lugenda Found Mozambique, Mekong School, IIM Zambia, Zero Waste Gainesville, SWAG, HealthStreet
Government	USAID INGENAES, USAID LSIL, US Embassy Haiti, Min. Public Health Ecuador, Min. Environment Peru, City of Gainesville
International	CIAT, IOM, UNDP, ILRI

MDP Field Practicum Final Reports University of Florida Institutional Repository

[https://original-ufdc.uflib.ufl.edu/ufir/results/brief/?t=sustainable+development+practice+\(mdp\)](https://original-ufdc.uflib.ufl.edu/ufir/results/brief/?t=sustainable+development+practice+(mdp))

MDP Field Practicum Final Reports and Posters

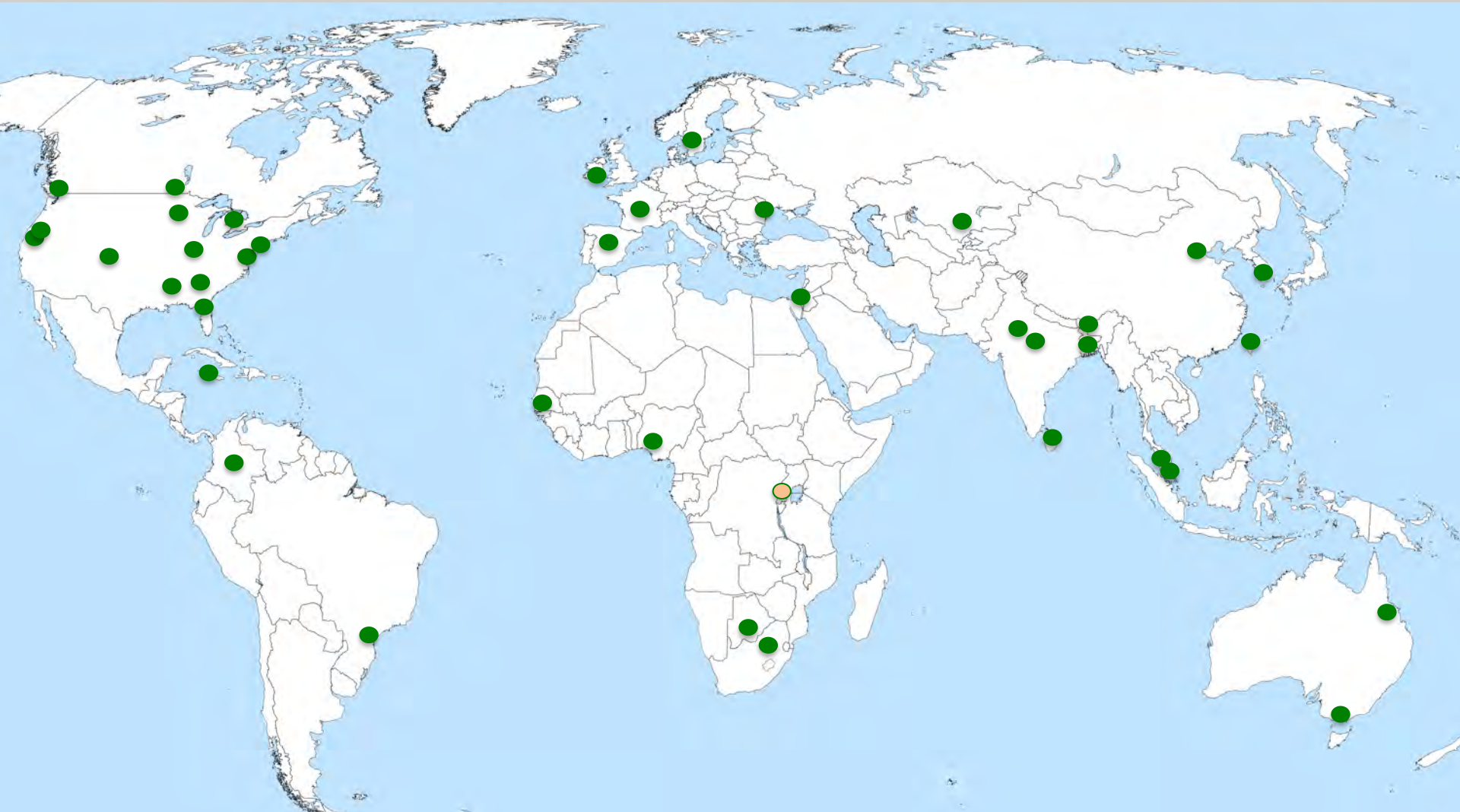
<https://mdp.africa.ufl.edu/academic-programs/mdp-degree/field-practicum/field-practicum-placements-and-posters/>

Snapshot: what our alumni have done & are doing

Type	Number	Examples
Government - Federal	4	GAO, GSA, USCIS, US Peace Corps, US Army
International organization	3	CIFOR, IOM, United Nations
Law	4	Public Defender's Office
NGO - international	25	Chemonics, CRS, Echoing Green, Salvation Army, Rare, Conversions, B-Lab, PACT South Africa, Quality Certification Services, World Relief, Pure Earth
NGO - local	11	Water Corporation, United Campus workers, Urban Health partnerships, Latino Network
NGO - national	5	United Health Care, Teach for America, DART, Meridia, Yayasan Inobu
PhD	30	Geography, AEC, SNRE, SFFGS, Anthropology, Sociology, Public Health
Private sector	14	Cotopaxi, Florida Green Construction, De Beers Botswana
University - Faculty	6	Sokoine, Guayaquil, PUCE
University - Programs	25	UF IFAS

Global MDP consortium (<http://mdpglobal.org/>)

- 40 universities around the world offer the MDP
- Annual global summits of MDP programs + ICSD



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